

Delaware Trauma System Committee Meeting

Public Health Training Center - Dover Delaware

September 14, 2016 12:30 – 2:15 PM

Members Present: E. Alexander, D. Cloney, J. Cox, D. Eberly, D. Hochstuhl, M. Jadali, E. Johnson, D. Jones, L. Jones, B. King, M. Lamborn, M. Mitchell, M. Pragg, S. Raab-Long, J. Simpler, J. Whaley

Alternates/Guests Present: K. Bradley, K. Bristow, P. Cowan, D. Curtis, L. Ebeling, C. Faedtke, K. Green-O'Shaunessy, M. Griffin, J. Hammond, M. LeNoir, D. Matwiejewicz, P. Matthews, S. Megee-Snyder, M. Rochman, N. Sahu, N. Tyndall (phone)

Staff Present: M.S. Jones, R. Megargel, S. Murphy, G. Tinkoff, M. Neumann, C. Grabowski

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>	<u>Information/Action Plan</u>
<u>I. Welcome and Introductions</u>	G. Tinkoff	The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.
<u>A. Minutes</u>	G. Tinkoff	The June minutes were accepted as written.
<u>II. New Business</u>		
<u>A. System Updates</u> 1. Saint Francis Healthcare 2. Wilmington Hospital	M.S. Jones M. Lenoir, M. Jadali M. Lamborn, G. Tinkoff	<p>Two hospitals are moving from Level 4 Trauma System Participating Hospital to provisional Level 3 Trauma Center status. The process as outlined in the Trauma System regulations is- hospitals submit evidence that they meet the American College of Surgeons (ACS) essential Level 3 criteria to M.S. Jones, followed by a letter of request to Dr. Rattay, Director of Public Health. One-year provisional designation is granted if all is in order. During that year the hospitals are required to have a successful ACS verification site visit. St. Francis began its provisional year on July 18th; Wilmington Hospital will begin on October 5th. Each hospital gave a short presentation:</p> <p>Saint Francis is the only Catholic hospital in Delaware. Their focus in the community is on the underprivileged. The hospital has been providing care since 1924 and is part of Trinity Health System. The benefits to the community of having a Level 3 Trauma Center at Saint Francis include treatment closer to home with reduced transport time for stable trauma patients.</p> <p>The city of Wilmington has serious issues of violent crime. Christiana Hospital has been seeing nearly 5,000 patients a year. Wilmington Hospital hopes to keep some of those patients at its site and reduce the number of stable trauma patients going to Christiana. The goal is to make sure distribution of patients is "right patient, right place, right time". All personnel are in place: Dr. Tinkoff- Medical Director, M. Lamborn- Trauma Program Manager, Pam Woods- Trauma P.I. Manager, and Joan Pirrung- director for both hospitals' trauma programs. Dr. Tinkoff will be stepping down as Trauma System Medical Advisor.</p>
<u>B. Other</u>		<p>Dr. James Marvel, longtime Trauma Director at Beebe Healthcare, retired on July 1st.</p> <p>Diane Hochstuhl announced she will be retiring November 11.</p>
<u>III. Unfinished Business and Reports</u>		
<u>A. Unfinished Business</u>		
1. Trauma System funding legislation	M. S. Jones	As discussed at the last meeting, four action steps were developed when TSC members met with the Delaware Healthcare Association Policy Committee: 1) Perform a Trauma System needs assessment and/or gap analysis to identify specific system areas in need of support; 2) Develop a more accurate method of

		determining trauma-related hospital costs; 3) Review information on ways other states are funded and how they distribute the funds; 4) Move the anniversary event to the Fall so that more legislators may attend. Legislators need to be made aware of what the Trauma System has accomplished; all of them should be invited to the event. Item 4 has been completed.
2. Trauma System 20 th Anniversary	M. S. Jones	The event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at Legislative Hall, 11:00 AM to 12 noon. The focus will be the decrease in mortality over the Trauma System's 20 years, and recognizing those who have continuously worked for those 20 years on development of the Trauma System. Legislators will be invited.
B. Designation Committee		
1. 2016 site visits	B. King D.Hochstuhl	Nanticoke Memorial Hospital had its site visit in May and received a full three year reverification. duPont Hospital's site visit is scheduled for October 13-14.
C. Trauma System Quality Evaluation Committee		
1. Trauma System Registry 2. Data Research projects	M. S. Jones G. Tinkoff	M.S. Jones introduced Matthew Neumann, the new Office of EMS Trauma Analyst. Matt decided to look at mortality for all trauma patients and discovered that Delaware's overall trauma mortality rate decreased 47% between 2000 and 2015 and there were 1,319 additional lives saved during that time. There has been a three-fold increase over fourteen years in elderly trauma patients. Despite this increase, there has been a decrease in mortality, in hospital length of stay, and in ICU days. This demonstrates efficient care in a population that is probably the most difficult to care for – the geriatric trauma patient. Relative to financing, this is important data to show those who control the public dollar.
D. Networking Highlights		
1.State EMS Medical Director	R. Megargel	Standing orders have been approved and training is ready to be started. Tentative implementation date will be in January. There are no significant changes to trauma protocols. The inclusive stroke system bill was passed in June and signed by the Governor in August. The bill creates a stroke system that is modeled after the Trauma System. The hope is that in time the stroke system will have the same kind of improvements in patient outcome as the Trauma System has.
2. Office of EMS	M.S. Jones	The NHTSA report is back and will be going to DEMSOC for review, after which it will be shared. Trauma System recommendations again include funding support. Crystal Mallory is the new Emergency Medical Services for Children Coordinator. Applications and site visits for the Level 4 Pediatric Emergency Care Facilities, the free-standing Emergency Departments, will be the next project for the Pediatric System. Andy Fulton has resigned as OEMS Paramedic Administrator.
3.Public Health Preparedness		No report.
4. Office of Highway Safety (OHS)	J.Simpler	There has been one less fatal crash than last year at this time, 84 vs. 85, but there has been one additional fatality, 87 vs. 86. Some reports are still pending, but it is certain that about 35% of the fatal crashes this year were related to impairment (alcohol or drugs). Seatbelt use was at about 40% in fatal crashes, which corresponds to the national average. Motorcycle fatalities are down by six from last year, 11 vs. 17. Pedestrian fatalities are at 17, including five in the past 13 days, compared to 25 last year. There have been two bicycle fatalities this year compared to one last year. OHS will be co-sponsoring a drunk-driving policy summit on November 17 th .

5. Injury Prevention	J. Whaley	The Coalition for Injury Prevention had a presentation on Tai Chi by Scott Martin at its September meeting. The focus of this program is on strengthening balance for the elderly as a way of preventing falls. Safe Kids Delaware will be doing a safety station program for children at Lum's Pond State Park. Also, there are no instructions or safety warnings in the paddle boats so a safety notice will be posted in each boat instructing how to put the lifejackets on properly. The new Safe Kids Coordinator is Tiffany Townsend, who also provides staff support to the Coalition for Injury Prevention.
	K. O'Malley	Fire Prevention Week is October 9 th - 15 th .
	D. Curtis	Fall Prevention Awareness Day is September 22, the first day of Fall. The Coalition for Injury Prevention Falls Prevention Team will promote public awareness with an event at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, media releases, a Governor's Proclamation, and wearing yellow ribbons. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths and injuries for seniors.
	K. Bristowe, P. Cowan	Surf injuries in Delaware are unchanging, averaging about 330 per year. Drownings at the beaches usually occur off-hours at unguarded beaches. The University of Delaware will be using sensors that are used on ocean-going container ships to measure on crash dummies the amount of energy waves exert on the body.
6. DE ACS- Committee on Trauma & DE Chapter, American Trauma Society	S. Murphy	ACS-COT: At the last national meeting there was a heated discussion regarding the Bill of Rights and the right to bear arms. It was the first time people advocated strongly for screening in order to possess firearms. This is a group that can have an impact on the issue.
	D. Hochstuhl	ATS: It is time for election of a new chair for the Delaware Chapter. The national focus for injury prevention this year was geriatric falls.
	G. Tinkoff	The Trauma Coalition, of which Dr. Tinkoff is chair, is trying to align trauma centers with programs that value fall prevention.
7. DEMSOC	S. Murphy	The meeting is postponed until next month. At that time the members will be reviewing the NHTSA report.
8. DPH Office of Rural Health		No report.
9. Brain Injury Association/TBI/ OTDAB	J. Hammond M.S. Jones	The next OTDAB meeting will focus on strategic planning. The concussion bill passed. It extends to lower age groups both concussion education for coaches and the need to remove children from play under certain injury situations.
10. TSC member agencies	J. Cox	There has been a push for Rescue Task Force Training for active shooter/assailant situations. In traditional scenarios, victims bled out before safety clearance could be given for medics to reach them. The more modern approach is to train medics in tactics so they can move in a formation with a lead police officer and a back police officer who are dedicated to the team of medics. It is not to infringe on what police are doing, which is to stop the killing, it is to quickly access the patients and stop the dying. There has been some resistance. A statewide task force is now working on formal policies. Homeland Security is pushing this effort nationally.
	M. Pragg S. Murphy	Every police officer in the state had to attend the same Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) class so that they would all have the same information. Dr. Murphy, on behalf of the Trauma System Committee, presented Dr. Tinkoff with a plaque of appreciation for all his work over 20 years for the Trauma System. Many members shared their memories of Dr. Tinkoff's contributions.
<u>Adjourn/Next Meeting</u>	2:18 p.m.	<u>Wednesday, December 14, 12:30, Public Health Training Center, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover</u>

